

# FATALITY



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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: III Corps Automobile Fatalities – Fatality Memo 02-02

1. Another III Corps soldier was killed in a tragic early morning privately owned vehicle (POV) accident this past weekend. For unknown reasons, the soldier's vehicle collided head-on with an eighteen-wheeler. Since the incident is still under investigation, contributing factors are not identified yet.
2. This is the second III Corps soldier killed as a result of POV accidents in FY 02. At this rate we will surpass the FY 01 total of twenty POV fatalities. We cannot allow this trend to continue. Continuous command involvement is paramount. A hands-on approach at the first-line supervisor level is imperative to influence the way our soldiers operate their POVs.
3. POV accidents continue to kill more soldiers throughout the Army than all other causes combined. Excessive speed, fatigue, inattention, and alcohol remain the primary causes of these accidents. Use the Next Accident Assessment of Individuals and Leaders in "The Toolbox" (available in the G1 SAFETY public folder titled "Toolbox"). This can assist you in identifying "at risk" soldiers.

**Ensure this Fatality Memo receives widest dissemination and is posted on unit bulletin boards.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. B. Bell".

B. B. BELL  
Lieutenant General, USA  
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